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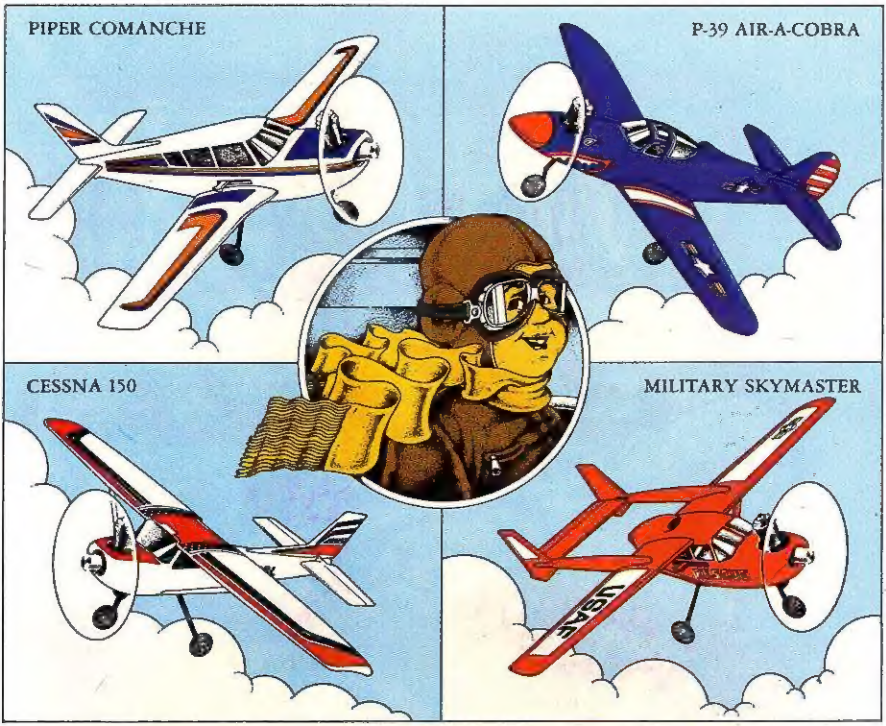

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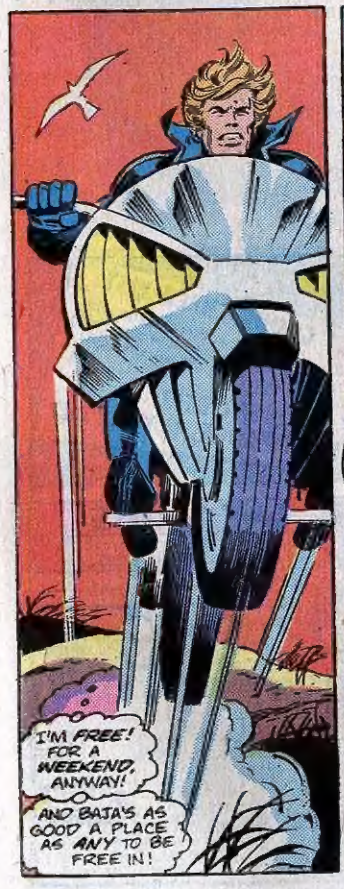
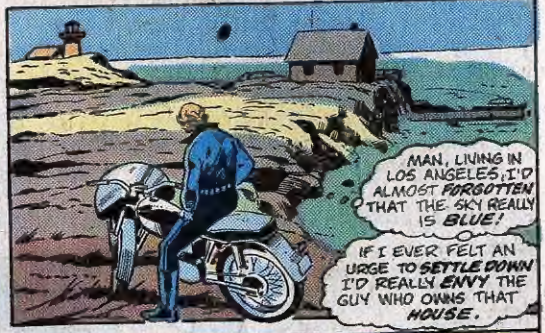
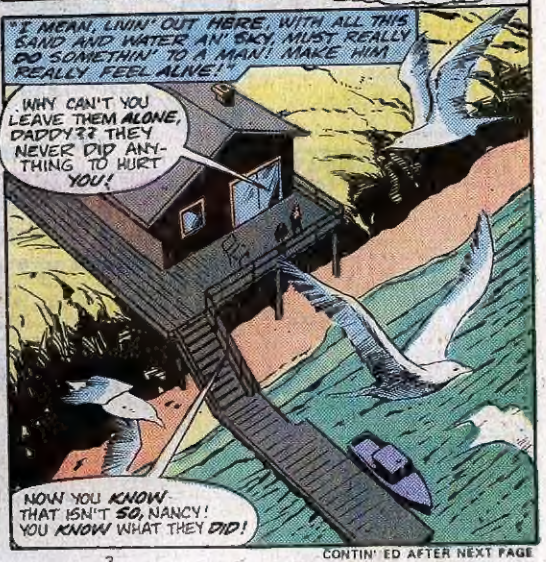
HAVE YOURSELF A GOOD TRIP IN BAJA, MY FRIEND!
BUT WATCH OUT FOR HIPPIES! YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?
YEAH, AMIGO!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO--

--A CREEP'S A CREEP! THERE JUST ISN'T ANY GETTING AROUND IT!
BUT WHO CARES?
I'M FINALLY OUT OF L.A. AWAY FROM THE STUDIO AND ALL ITS INSANITY...




MAN, LIVING IN LOS ANGELES, I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN THAT THE SKY REALLY IS BLUE!
IF I EVER FELT AN URGE TO SETTLE DOWN I'D REALLY ENVY THE GUY WHO OWNS THAT HOUSE.


"I MEAN, LIVIN' OUT HERE, WITH ALL THIS SAND AND WATER AN' SKY, MUST REALLY DO SOMETHIN' TO A MAN! MAKE HIM REALLY FEEL ALIVE!"
WHY CAN'T YOU LEAVE THEM ALONE, DADDY?? THEY NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HURT YOU!
NOW YOU KNOW THAT ISN'T SO, NANCY! YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DID!

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DON'T SHOOT UNLESS YOU'RE SURE YOU'VE GOT THEM!
BLAM!
DADDY! NO!
NANCY! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING??
THEY'LL GET AWAY!
WHAT THE--?
THAT SOUNDED LIKE A GUNSHOT!
AND IT CAME FROM THE DECK OF THAT BEACH-HOUSE!
THAT'S RIGHT, DADDY! THEY WILL GET AWAY!
I WON'T LET YOU TORMENT THOSE POOR ANIMALS ANY LONGER!
YOU WON'T WHAT??
YOU'RE TALKING TO YOUR FATHER, NANCY PHILIPPS--

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--AND I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME THAT YOU REMEMBERED THAT LITTLE FACT!
SLAP
OHHHH!
NOW KEEP OUT OF MY WAY, GIRL!
THEY'RE STILL IN MY LINE OF SIGHT!
I SAID NO, DADDY--
-- AND I MEANT IT! THIS SICKNESS HAS GOT TO STOP!
WHAT--?
TWO EMOTIONS... TWO FORCES STRAINING AGAINST EACH OTHER...
BANG
BAM! POW!
...AND THOUGH THE WEAPON FIRES, THE FRAILER FORCE HAS SUCCEEDED IN TURNING THE DIRECTION OF THE SHOTS FROM THE WATER...
...TO THE DUNES BEYOND THE HOUSE.
HEY! THAT JOKER'S FIRING IN MY DIRECTION NOW!
ONE OF THE SLUGS CAUGHT MY TIRE!
I'M GONNA--
--WIPE-OUT!!
CAN'T CONTROL THE SKULL-CYCLE!
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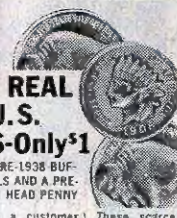

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EVEN ON SAND ...THAT HURT!
AND THE CLOWN IN THAT HOUSE IS GONNA ANSWER FOR IT!
..LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO HAUL OFF AND WALLOP THAT PRETTY LADY WITH HIM!
MOVE THOSE LEGS, BLAZE! FAST!
THAT'S ENOUGH, FRIEND!
WHO--?
THE NAME'S BLAZE! JOHNNY BLAZE!
AND I DON'T LIKE BIG, STRONG MEN WHO BEAT UP ON WOMEN--
--OR TRIGGER-HAPPY MORONS WHO ALMOST GET ME KILLED!
STOP IT! PLEASE! I-- I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL! BUT--
--HE'S MY FATHER! DON'T HURT HIM!
YOUR FATHER? THEN HOW COME--?
HE-- HE'S NOT WELL, MR. BLAZE! HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING! PLEASE--
--JUST LET HIM ALONE!
OK. SURE, BUT WHAT ABOUT--

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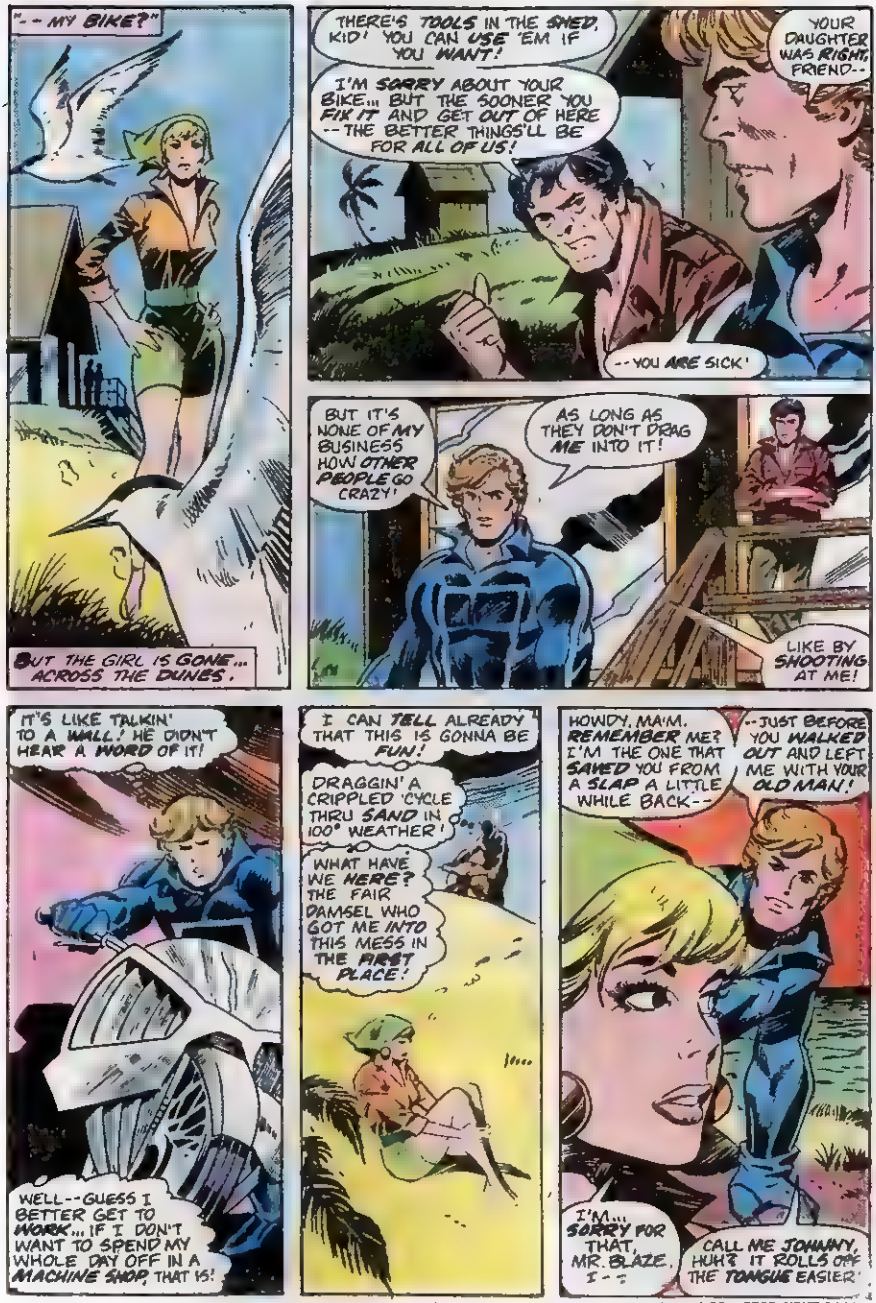
"-- MY BIKE?"
BUT THE GIRL IS GONE... ACROSS THE DUNES.
THERE'S TOOLS IN THE SHED, KID! YOU CAN USE 'EM IF YOU WANT!
I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR BIKE... BUT THE SOONER YOU FIX IT AND GET OUT OF HERE -- THE BETTER THINGS'LL BE FOR ALL OF US!
YOUR DAUGHTER WAS RIGHT, FRIEND--
--YOU ARE SICK!
BUT IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS HOW OTHER PEOPLE GO CRAZY!
AS LONG AS THEY DON'T DRAG ME INTO IT!
LIKE BY SHOOTING AT ME!
IT'S LIKE TALKIN' TO A WALL! HE DIDN'T HEAR A WORD OF IT!
WELL--GUESS I BETTER GET TO WORK... IF I DON'T WANT TO SPEND MY WHOLE DAY OFF IN A MACHINE SHOP, THAT IS!
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--JUST BEFORE YOU WALKED OUT AND LEFT ME WITH YOUR OLD MAN!
I'M... SORRY FOR THAT, MR. BLAZE. I--
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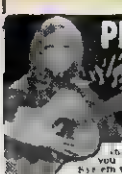

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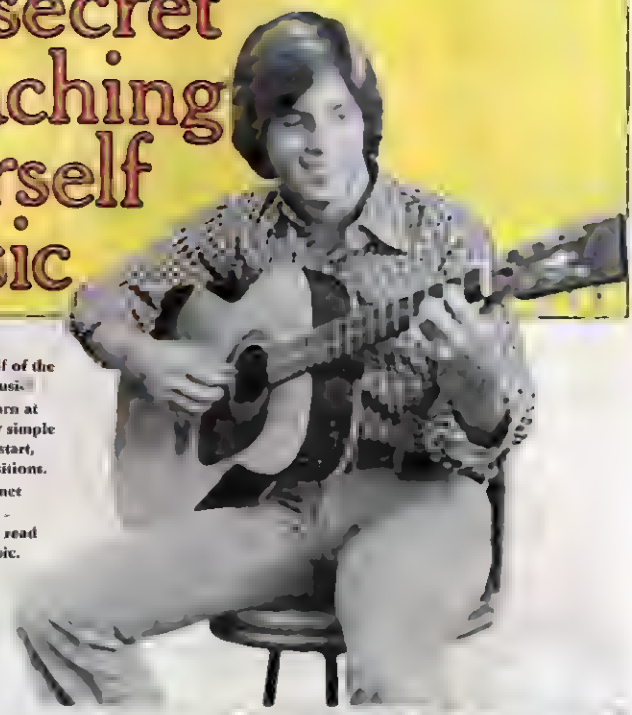

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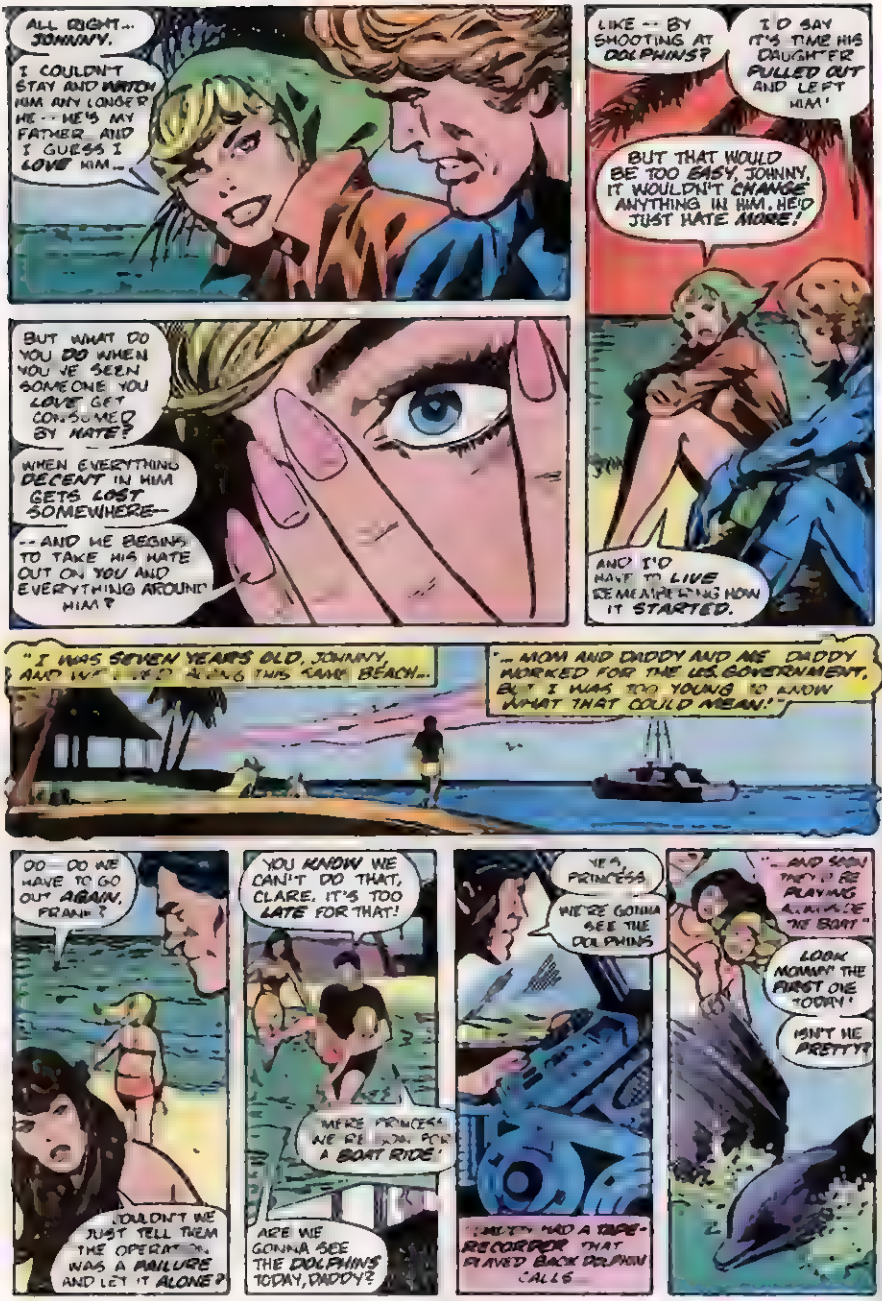
ALL RIGHT... JOHNNY.
I COULDN'T STAY AND WATCH HIM ANY LONGER! HE -- HE'S MY FATHER... AND I GUESS I LOVE HIM...
LIKE -- BY SHOOTING AT DOLPHINS?
I'D SAY IT'S TIME HIS DAUGHTER PULLED OUT AND LEFT HIM!
BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY, JOHNNY. IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING IN HIM. HE'D JUST HATE MORE!
AND I'D HAVE TO LIVE REMEMBERING HOW IT STARTED.
BUT WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'VE SEEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE GET CONSUMED BY HATE?
WHEN EVERYTHING DECENT IN HIM GETS LOST SOMEWHERE--
-- AND HE BEGINS TO TAKE HIS HATE OUT ON YOU AND EVERYTHING AROUND HIM?
"I WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD, JOHNNY, AND WE LIVED ALONG THIS SAME BEACH...
"... MOM AND DADDY AND ME. DADDY WORKED FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, BUT I WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHAT THAT COULD MEAN!"
DO... DO WE HAVE TO GO OUT AGAIN, FRANK?
COULDN'T WE JUST TELL THEM THE OPERATION WAS A FAILURE AND LET IT ALONE?
YOU KNOW WE CAN'T DO THAT, CLARE. IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT!
WE'RE PRINCESS WE'RE GOIN' FOR A BOAT RIDE!
ARE WE GONNA SEE THE DOLPHINS TODAY, DADDY?
WE'RE PRINCESS
WE'RE GONNA SEE THE DOLPHINS
DADDY HAD A TAPE-RECORDER THAT PLAYED BACK DOLPHIN CALLS
"... AND SOON THEY'D BE PLAYING ALONGSIDE THE BOAT."
LOOK MOMMA! THE FIRST ONE TODAY!
ISN'T HE PRETTY?

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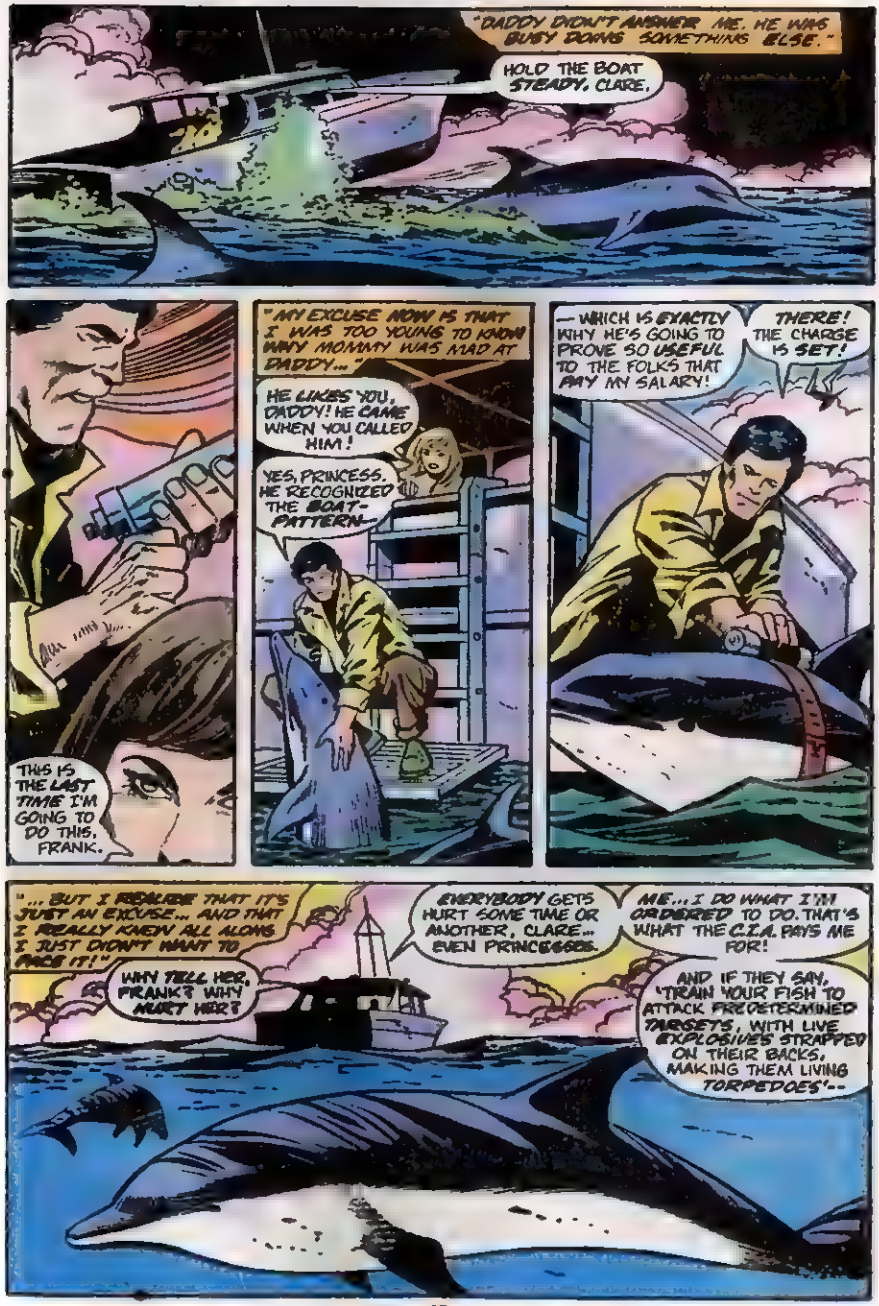
"DADDY DIDN'T ANSWER ME. HE WAS BUSY DOING SOMETHING ELSE."
HOLD THE BOAT STEADY, CLARE.
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M GOING TO DO THIS, FRANK.
"MY EXCUSE NOW IS THAT I WAS TOO YOUNG TO KNOW WHY MOMMY WAS MAD AT DADDY..."
HE LIKES YOU, DADDY! HE CAME WHEN YOU CALLED HIM!
YES, PRINCESS. HE RECOGNIZED THE BOAT-PATTERN--
--WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY HE'S GOING TO PROVE SO USEFUL TO THE FOLKS THAT PAY MY SALARY!
THERE! THE CHARGE IS SET!
"...BUT I REALIZE THAT IT'S JUST AN EXCUSE... AND THAT I REALLY KNEW ALL ALONG I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO FACE IT!"
WHY TELL HER, FRANK? WHY HURT HER?
EVERYBODY GETS HURT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER, CLARE... EVEN PRINCESSES.
ME... I DO WHAT I'M ORDERED TO DO. THAT'S WHAT THE C.I.A. PAYS ME FOR!
AND IF THEY SAY, 'TRAIN YOUR FISH TO ATTACK PREDETERMINED TARGETS, WITH LIVE EXPLOSIVES STRAPPED ON THEIR BACKS, MAKING THEM LIVING TORPEDOES'--

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-- THEN THAT'S WHAT FRANK PHILIPPS DOES. NO QUESTIONS ASKED. NO TROUBLE.
OH FRANK! STOP IT! I CAN'T TAKE ANYMORE! I--
MOMMY! DADDY!
THAT'S NANCY! WHERE--?
OVER THE SIDE! SHE'S BEEN OVERBOARD!
THAT FIN! THERE'S A SHARK COMIN' FOR HER!
HOLD ON, PRINCESS! DADDY'S GONNA SAVE YOU!
DADDY!
FRANK! DON'T! THAT'S NOT A SHARK-FIN! IT'S--
GET OUT OF MY WAY, CLARE!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO ARGUE WITH YOU!
BUT IT'S ONE OF THE DOLPHINS, FRANK! IT WON'T HURT HER!
BULL! NO STINKIN' ANIMAL IS GONNA HARM MY DAUGHTER!
FROM THE WATER, I CAN CLEARLY SEE AN--
...AND FIRE RIGHT AT THE DOLPHIN THE SAME ONE HE'D ATTACHED THE EXPLOSIVE TO MOMENTS EARLIER!
KRAK
BU-TWOOM
THE BOAT WAS BLOWN OUT OF THE WATER. WE NEVER FOUND EITHER...
AND HE'S NEVER BEEN THE SAME SINCE HE DRAGGED ME, UNCONSCIOUS, BACK TO THE BEACH.
AND HE'S NEVER STOPPED BLAMING THE DOLPHINS FOR WHAT HAPPENED.

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KAPOW
NANCY! WHAT--?
HE'S AT IT AGAIN, JOHNNY!
HE'S AT IT AGAIN!
NOT THIS TIME, NANCY!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT!
THERE HE IS!
FIRING FROM THE BOAT! SHOOTING OUT TO SEA!
"AND HE'S KILLING THE DOLPHINS!
THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE AS LONG AS THAT TAPE-RECORDING OF HIS KEEPS DRAWING THEM IN!"
UNLESS-- --SKULL-CYCLE'S STILL GOT A FLAT! I NEVER GOT AROUND TO FIXING IT--
-- BUT A FLAT TIRE WON'T STOP IT ON SAND!
VROOMM
I CAN USE THE SLOPE OF THE DUNES TO BUILD UP SPEED--
-- COME DOWN ON THE DOCK HARD TO GIVE MYSELF ENOUGH TRACTION--

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-- AND LAUNCH MYSELF TOWARDS THE BOAT BEFORE THE BIKE GOES OUT OF CONTROL!
PARTY TIME'S OVER, PHILIPPS! PUT THAT GUN DOWN!
WHRUMP
IN A PIG'S EYE I WILL!
COME JUST A LITTLE CLOSER, COWBOY! THEN WE'LL SEE WHO--
CRASH
HIS POINTIN' THAT RIFLE AT ME SET OFF MY DANGER-SIGNALS!
I CAN FEEL THE CHANGE STARTING!
UNHHH!
I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, KID! JUST YOU--
MY GOD! YOU-- YOUR HEAD!
SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT, PHILIPPS?
WHAM
HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF THE GHOST RIDER?
NUTS! EVEN MY SPOOK ROUTINE DOESN'T AFFECT HIM! HE'S SO FAR GONE HE JUST ACCEPTS IT!
THE IMPACT OF THE SKULL-CYCLE TORE THE BOAT FROM ITS MOORINGS! WE'RE HEADING OUT TO SEA!
AND AS IF ALL THAT ISN'T BAD ENOUGH-- PHILIPPS JUST RETRIEVED HIS RIFLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR GAME IS, KID--

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Dear Marvel,

With GHOST RIDER #14, Tony Isabella proves himself to be a storyteller extraordinary. The dialogue throughout the whole magazine was, in my own humble opinion, very realistic.

Although I'd never heard of The Orb before (mainly because I hadn't started collecting MARVEL TEAM-UP yet with #15), he seems to be a good villain for GR, considering the fact that Satan does get boring after some time. I guess my basic reason for liking "The Orb" is that he doesn't use the corny dialogue I still occasionally spot, such as "Release me at once, you mindless cretin!" or "You infidel! I shall destroy you yet!" So it's good to know he'll at least be around next issue.

On the art side: George Tuska isn't exactly my favorite artist, but I suppose I can tolerate him for one more issue. And, Vince Colletta is improving lately, proving so with his inking job this ish.

Larry Dean
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Dear Tony and Company,

GHOST RIDER #14 was another fine effort, as good as #13. It looks like Johnny Blaze in a Hollywood setting is going to work. Tony produced a very good script for "A Specter Stalks the Soundstage." I enjoyed the idea of Blaze and Stunt-Master slugging it out with the bewitched (be-Orbed?) mob and was almost sorry when Ghost Rider appeared. Why do all of the alter-egos have to be helpless imbeciles when trouble arises? It would be a refreshing change if they could sometimes solve their problems without going into a phone booth for the inevitable costume-change.

I like Blaze's cowboy act and dialect. It makes for interesting characterization. All of the supporting characters seem to be coming along well. The fight with the Towmotor was a lot of fun. I've been rubbing shoulders with fork lift trucks for weeks at the factory where I'm spending my summer vacation and think they are fascinating engines of destruction.

I don't think the Orb is really dead. It's all a super-scientific put-on. I also don't think that Karen Page would blast G.R., regardless of what kind of hypnosis the Orb is using.

If I could think of something critical to say about the script I would, but it was a very good story. I wasn't quite as wild about the Tuska-Colletta art and I'm glad Frank Robbins is returning to become the regular (?) artist. Frank showed a good feel for the strip in #12. Any chance of Macabre Mike Ploog returning to his creation?

That's all for this issue. Keep Cruisin'.

Bob Hobart
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Dear Marvel Gang,

GHOST RIDER will probably never be my favorite mag. I guess I just don't like the character, but I will continue to buy and enjoy this book if it maintains the quality pesented in #14. The art by Mr. Tuska was really good—George and Vince make a very good team, although I'd rather see them on IRON MAN.

The main point of this letter is to congratulate Tony Isabella on finally getting rid of being a "silly" scripter and becoming a good one. The characterization of Karen, Johnny, and the others was superb. I really liked Karen's "cold shoulder" to Johnny. I didn't think it was that "cold," but I suppose Johnny would. All I can say is, nice going.

Thank you for your time.

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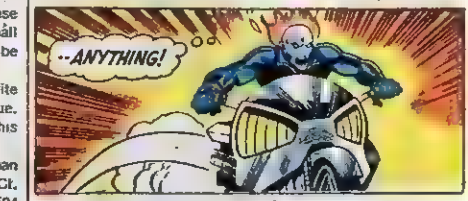

Dear Tony, George, Vince, Joe, Phil, Marv, etc, etc...

I'm happy to report that I have not found many No-Prizes in all my days of Marvel reading but this boo-boo stood out like a tomato in a pickle barrel. In the last frame on page 10, G.R. is wearing his Stunt Master costume, but then (here it comes!) in the first frame on page 11, G.R. is wearing his famous G.R. leathers! He doesn't change into his leathers when he is once more transformed into his devilish self at the end of the mag, and it's unlikely that he was wearing his leathers under his S.M. costume. First, he couldn't have shed his Stunt Master costume without being beaten to a pulp by the crowd, and second, any really good bike rider could tell you that two sets of clothes would be too confining.

So, if you fellows can wiggle out of this one, give yourselves a No-Prize—if not, I'm waiting for mine.

David Lynch
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Wouldn't ya know it! After coasting through this letters page on a cushion of complimentary comments, we'd have to end up with another greedy attempt to trick us out of one of our Un-Uh Prizes. And what's worse, due to what we in the comics biz like to term "a big fat mistake," that aforementioned object of insubstantiality is actually yours, Dave!

Now pardon us, while we dry our tears and prepare for the next big blooper.

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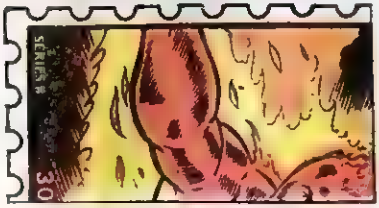

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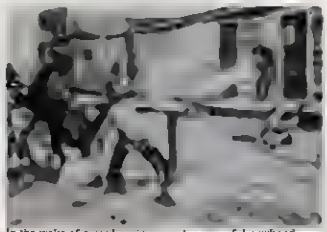

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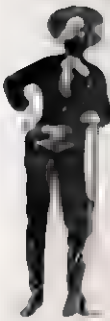

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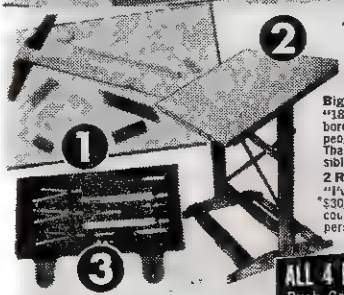

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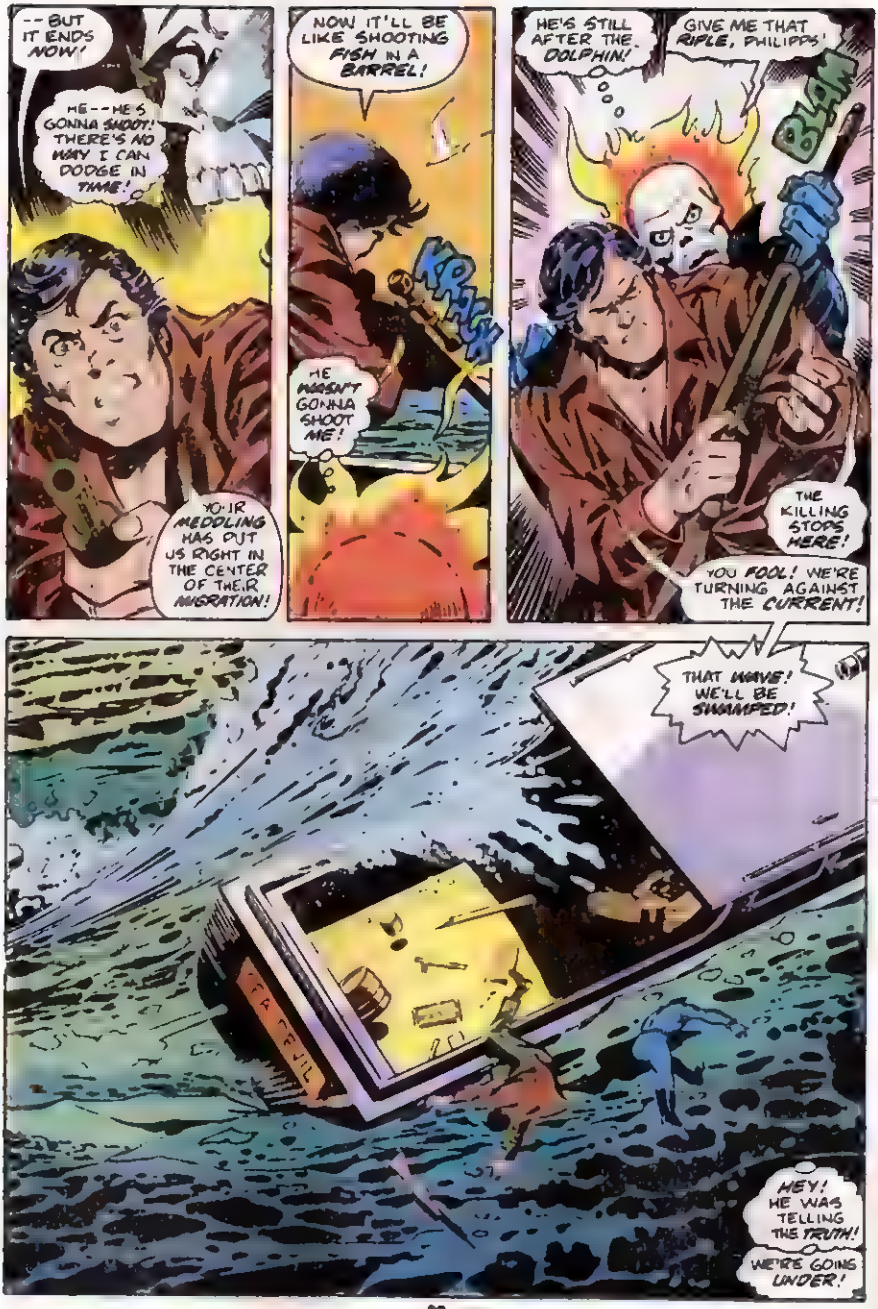
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NOW IT'LL BE LIKE SHOOTING FISH IN A BARREL!
KRHK
HE WASN'T GONNA SHOOT ME!
HE'S STILL AFTER THE DOLPHIN!
GIVE ME THAT RIFLE, PHILIPPS!
BLAM
THE KILLING STOPS HERE!
YOU FOOL! WE'RE TURNING AGAINST THE CURRENT!
THAT WAVE! WE'LL BE SWAMPED!
HEY! HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH!
WE'RE GOING UNDER!

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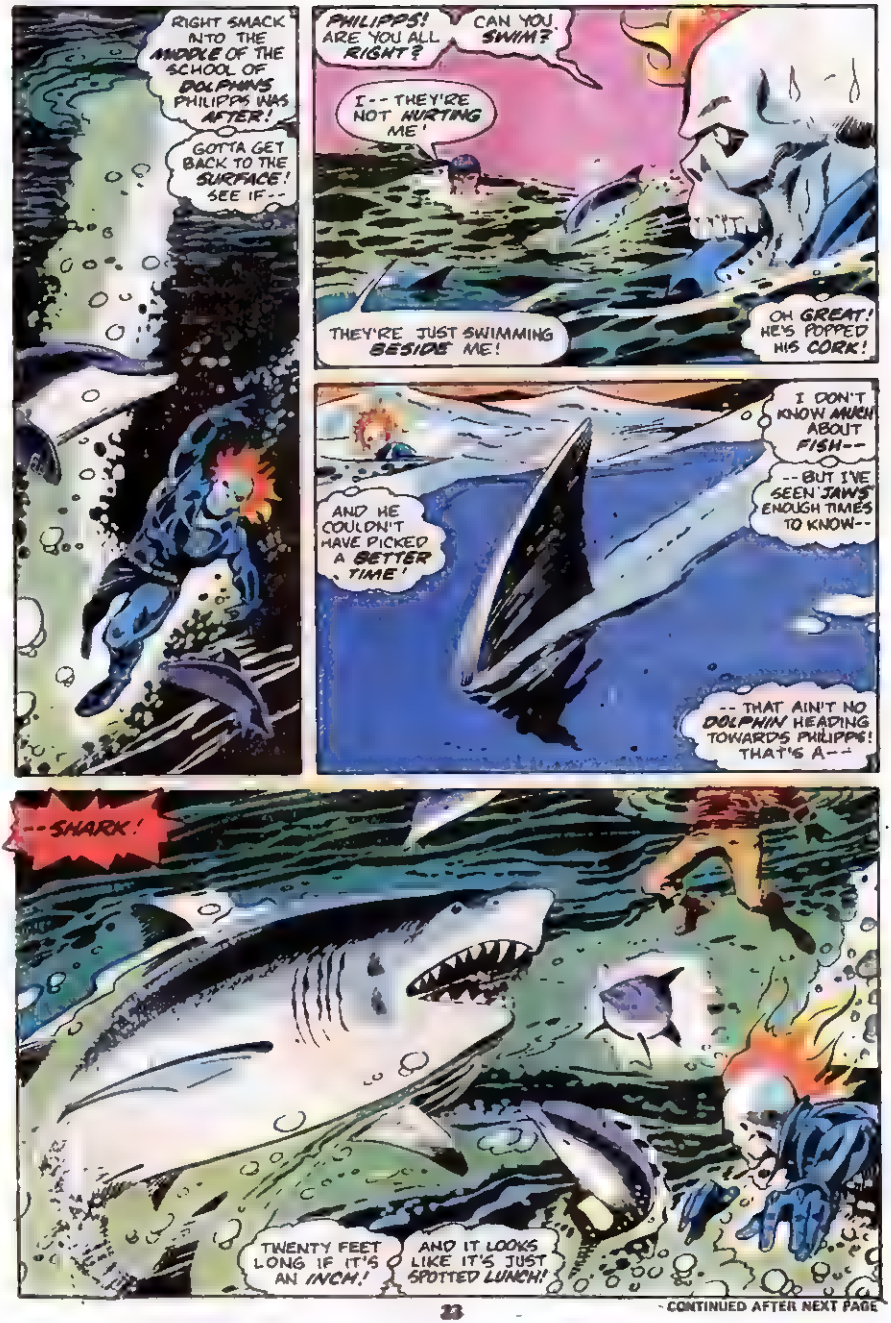
RIGHT SMACK INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE SCHOOL OF DOLPHINS PHILIPPS WAS AFTER!
GOTTA GET BACK TO THE SURFACE! SEE IF--
PHILIPPS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
CAN YOU SWIM?
I-- THEY'RE NOT HURTING ME!
THEY'RE JUST SWIMMING BESIDE ME!
OH GREAT! HE'S POPPED HIS CORK!
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FISH--
--BUT I'VE SEEN JAWS ENOUGH TIMES TO KNOW--
AND HE COULDN'T HAVE PICKED A BETTER TIME!
-- THAT AIN'T NO DOLPHIN HEADING TOWARDS PHILIPPS! THAT'S A--
--SHARK!
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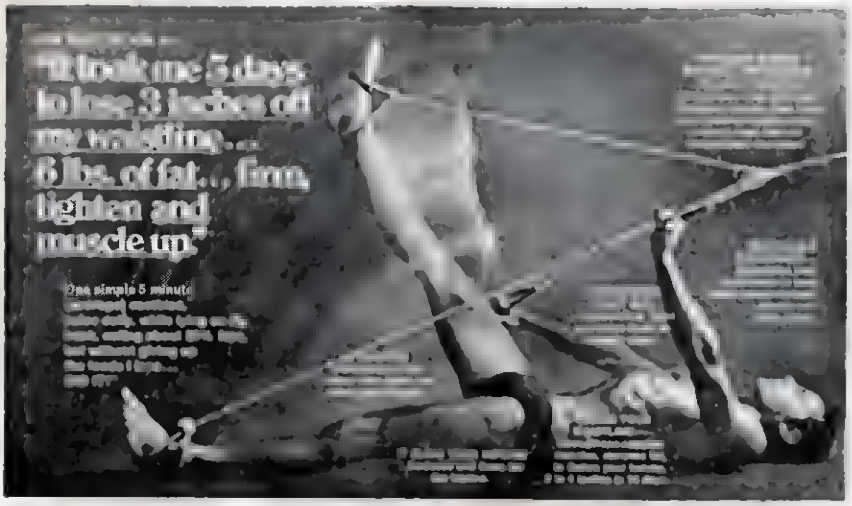

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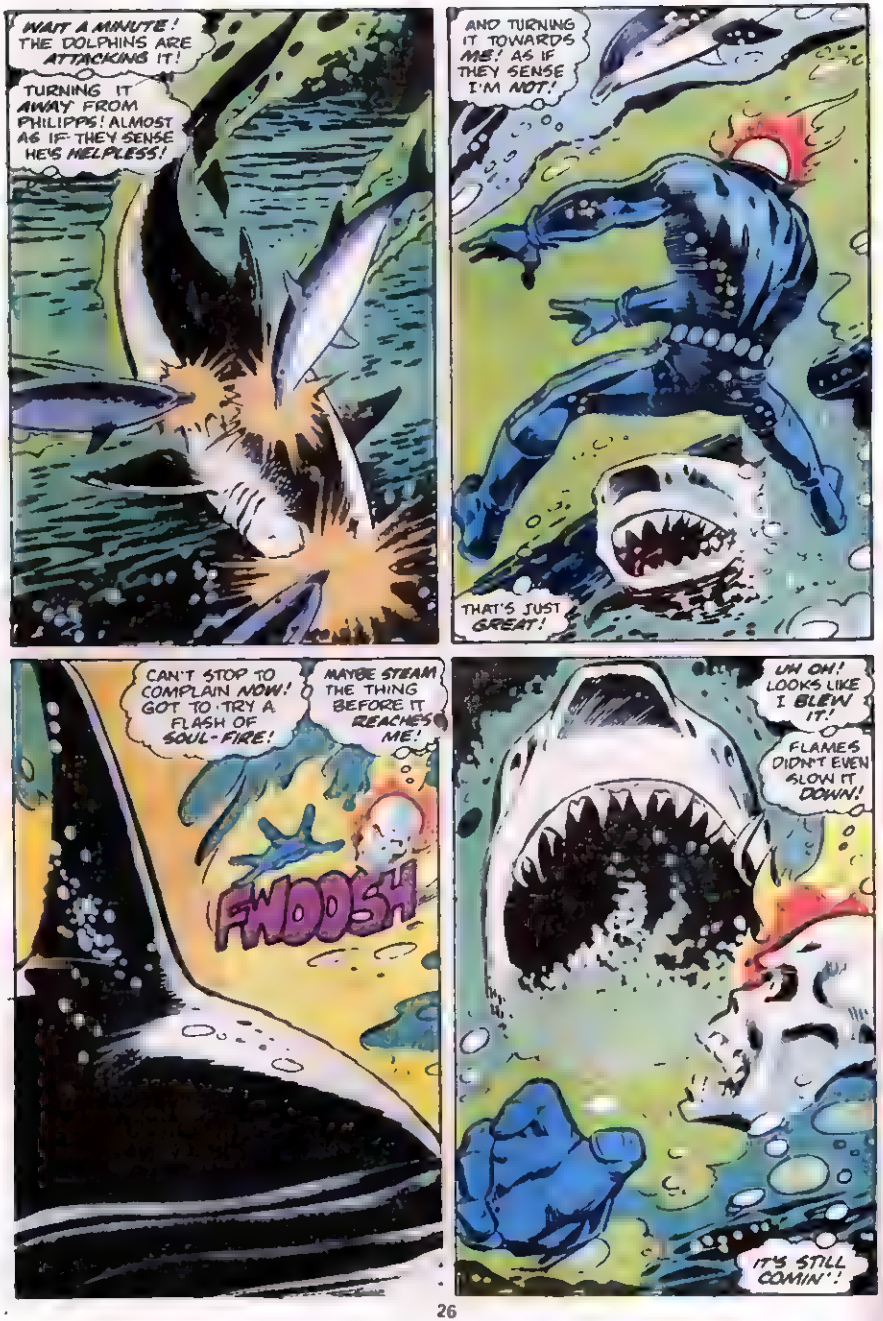
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AND TURNING IT TOWARDS ME! AS IF THEY SENSE I'M NOT!
THAT'S JUST GREAT!
CAN'T STOP TO COMPLAIN NOW! GOT TO TRY A FLASH OF SOUL-FIRE!
MAYBE STEAM THE THING BEFORE IT REACHES ME!
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UH OH! LOOKS LIKE I BLEW IT!
FLAMES DIDN'T EVEN SLOW IT DOWN!
IT'S STILL COMIN'!

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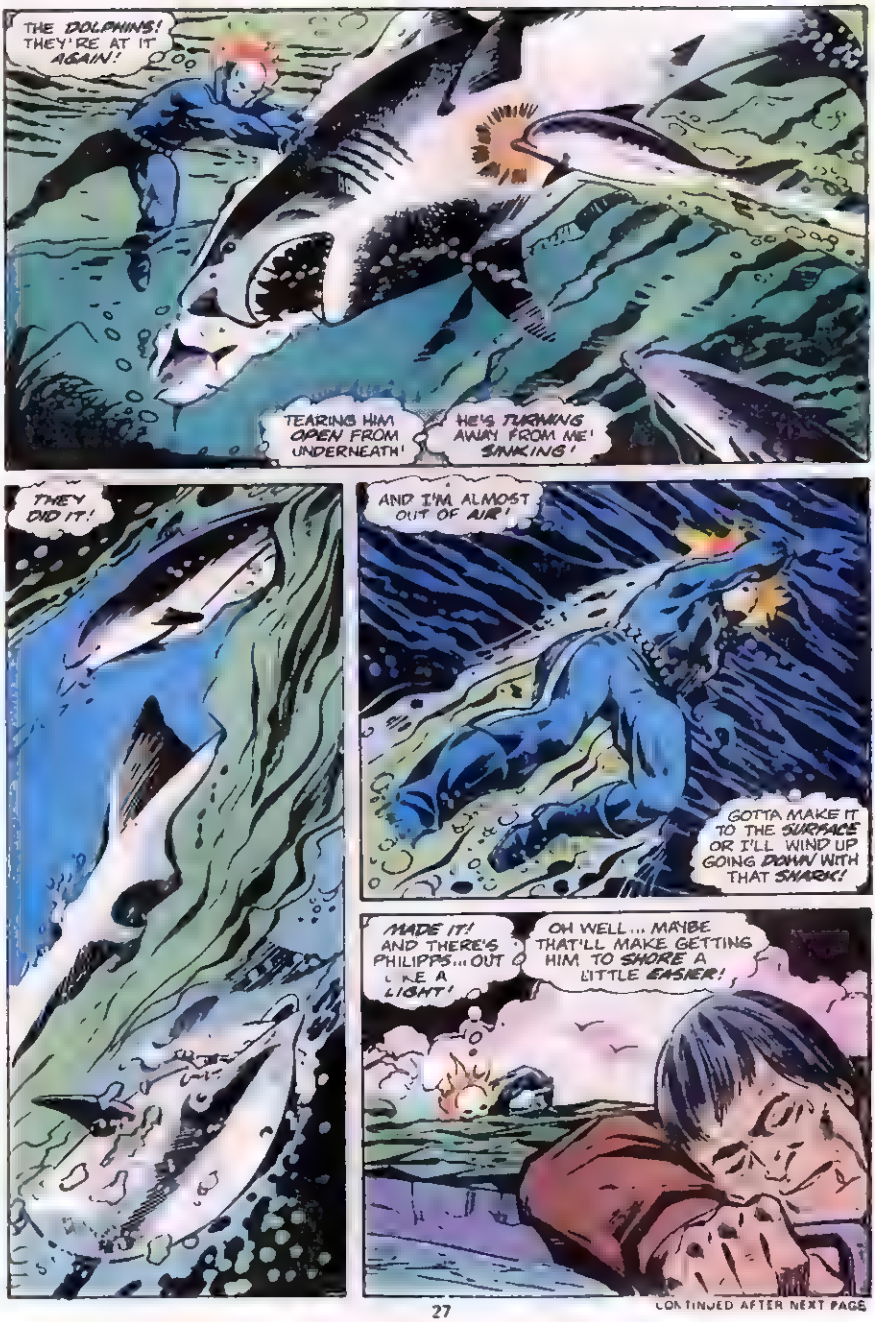
THE DOLPHINS! THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!
TEARING HIM OPEN FROM UNDERNEATH!
HE'S TURNING AWAY FROM ME! SINKING!
THEY DID IT!
AND I'M ALMOST OUT OF AIR!
GOTTA MAKE IT TO THE SURFACE OR I'LL WIND UP GOING DOWN WITH THAT SHARK!
MADE IT! AND THERE'S PHILIPPS... OUT LIKE A LIGHT!
OH WELL... MAYBE THAT'LL MAKE GETTING HIM TO SHORE A LITTLE EASIER!

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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Since the Thanksgiving season is almost upon us, what could be more fitting than a sentimental little sonnet from me to you? (Actually, there are a zillion things that could be more fitting— but since it's my column—!)

"THANKS"
By Henry Wadsworth Lee

I'm thankful for our writers
Whose imaginations never fail,
And I'm thankful for our artists
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Yep, you're the ones I thank the most
For reading all this stuff!

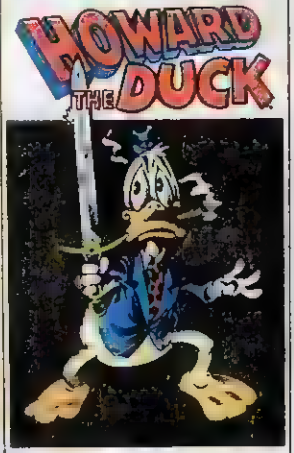
Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! We've got a crazy kaboodle of bombastic bombshells to lay on ya this time around, so let's get rolling right along, shall we?

ITEM! There's nothing better to brighten up a slow and sultry summer day than a friendly game of sock-it-to-'em softball— and it's so much the better if Mighty Marvel comes out as the wondrous winner! On a tumultuous Tuesday a week or so back Marvel-time (that's July in the real world) your Batty Bullpen broke its all-too-long losing streak by defeating, demolishing, and otherwise destroying the rollickin' representatives of ESQUIRE! We're not saying it was all that difficult, but without the humble help of a certain bashful blue-eyed Benjamin Grimm, we never would have done it!

ITEM! In a move daringly designed to direct your undivided attention to our pulsatin' PREMIERE and sensational SPOTLIGHT mags, we proudly present the two current features in each of these titanic titles! In MARVEL PREMIERE #28, the long-awaited, long-demanded "Legion of Monsters!" makes its devastating debut. Not to be confused with the our former black-and-white mag with the same name, this fearsome feature is a special once-in-a-lifetime-team-up of Man-Thing, Ghost Rider, Werewolf (By Night) and Morbius, The Living Vampire! And if that isn't enough to conjure with, MARVEL SPOTLIGHT #26 will be presenting an astounding adventure of that Aquarian Defender—the stupendous, savage Sub-Mariner! What's coming up after these frantic features—? Well, that would be telling. So stay tuned, keep alert, and keep reading! We'll spill the information somewhere. You know how modest we are!



ITEM! And speaking of artistic triumphs, have you picked up the pulse-pounding premiere issue of HOWARD THE DUCK yet? If you've seen any of his solo sagas in the back of GIANT-SIZE MAN-THING, you won't want to miss it! Frank Brunner, Tom Palmer, and Steve Gerber have worked themselves to the proverbial bone to produce what must be the strangest team-up the Marvel Universe has ever seen. Don't miss the fantabulous first encounter of Howard and .. Spider Man? And while we're on the topic of frantic firsts, don't miss the two more of our latest and greatest efforts— BLACK GOLIATH and OMEGA THE UNKNOWN! You've never met OMEGA before, but all POWER MAN fans must certainly remember our twenty-foot tall titan who appeared in issue #'s 24 and 25 of Luke Cage's mag! After all, it was you who demanded that we give him his own title, True Believer. Your wish is our command! And don't forget— even though STRANGE TALES is now devoted to representing the best of the early Doctor Strange classics, WARLOCK's still soaring! In fact, he's moved into his own merely magnificent mag, while Jim Starlin, jester of all trades, continues working on a top secret project which he plans springing on the Bullpen towards the end of the year. We'll let you know the details as soon as we find out, but while you're waiting, be sure to pick up that titanic triumvirate premiere package— HOWARD THE DUCK, OMEGA THE UNKNOWN, and BLACK GOLIATH! They're sure to make comic book history!

ITEM! Who says comic book writers can only write comic books? Not ARCHIE GOODWIN nor STEVE ENGLEHART, whose novelette-length prose pieces will be appearing in Pyramid Books' two-volume paperback anthology, WEIRD HEROES!

ITEM! Have ya glommed the latest PAUL McCARTNEY AND WINGS album, "Venus and Mars," yet? If not, there's a cut ya just gotta hear! It's called "Magneto and the Titanium Man," and if that's not enough to start the Bullpen blushing bright red, we don't know what is!

ITEM! Seems that everyone agrees that Marvel's still the greatest, 'cause the winners have just been announced in the annual SHAZAM awards, and the blushin' Bullpen walked away with so many of 'em that we needed a truck to get back to the office. The winners in all categories are: DRAMATIC DIVISION. Best Writer: ARCHIE GOODWIN; Best Penciller: JOHN BUSCEMA; Best Inker: DICK GIORDANO; Best Letterer: JOHN COSTANZA; Best Colorist: TATJANA WOOD; Superior Achievement by an Individual: ROY THOMAS; Best Continuing Feature: CONAN; Best Individual Story: "Götterdammerung"; Best Individual Short Story: "Cathedral Perilous"; Outstanding New Talent: CRAIG RUSSELL. HUMOR DIVISION. Best Writer: STEVE SKEATES; Best Penciller: MARIE SEVERIN, Best Inker: RALPH REESE; Best Story: "Kaspar the Dead Baby"; and, the Hall of Fame Award: JACK KIRBY. Congrats to all the winners.

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MAYBE SOME CLUE ON AUNT MAY'S WHEREABOUTS.
YOU GENTLEMEN WILL FIND SOME THING YOU WANT IN THIS CASE
MEANWHILE, AUNT MAY AND I WILL DUCK OUT OF HERE
WELL, I'LL BE HE TRIED TO TRICK ME BUT HE'LL BE SORRY! HOSTESS TWINKIES!
I LOVE THAT GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE AND THE DELICIOUS CREAMY FILLING! I CAN'T WAIT TO GET HOME AND REALLY LOOK INTO IT! I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME DELICIOUS
AND THEN SPIDER-MAN AND ALONG AND WE HAVE THE KIDNAPPERS NOTHING BUT TWINKIES!
THAT MEANS SPIDER-MAN HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR AS WELL AS HAVING EXCELLENT TASTE!
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BUT NO MORE ENJOYABLE!
I MEAN ... WHAT'S THE USE IF HE'S GONNA GO BACK TO PICKIN' OFF FISH AS SOON AS HE WAKES UP!
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST LET GO-- LET HIM DROWN--NO, LIKE HIS OWN DAUGHTER SAID.. THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY!
SO GET SET FOR A LONG SWIM, BLAZE! LIKE IT OR NOT
HEY! WHAT--??
THERE'S A DOLPHIN COMIN' UP UNDERNEATH US! CARRYING US IN!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
AND A SHORT TIME LATER...
IT WAS ALMOST AS IF AS SOON AS I REALIZED I HAD TO SAVE PHILIPPS--
--THEY REALIZED THEY HAD TO SAVE ME!
ALMOST AS IF THEY'D READ MY MIND!
NO! THAT'S CRAZY!
OR IS IT?
IS IT ANY CRAZIER THAN MY MEETING THE 'FRIEND'?"
*SEE GR #15--MARV.
JOHNNY!
YOU SAVED HIM! YOU SAVED MY FATHER!

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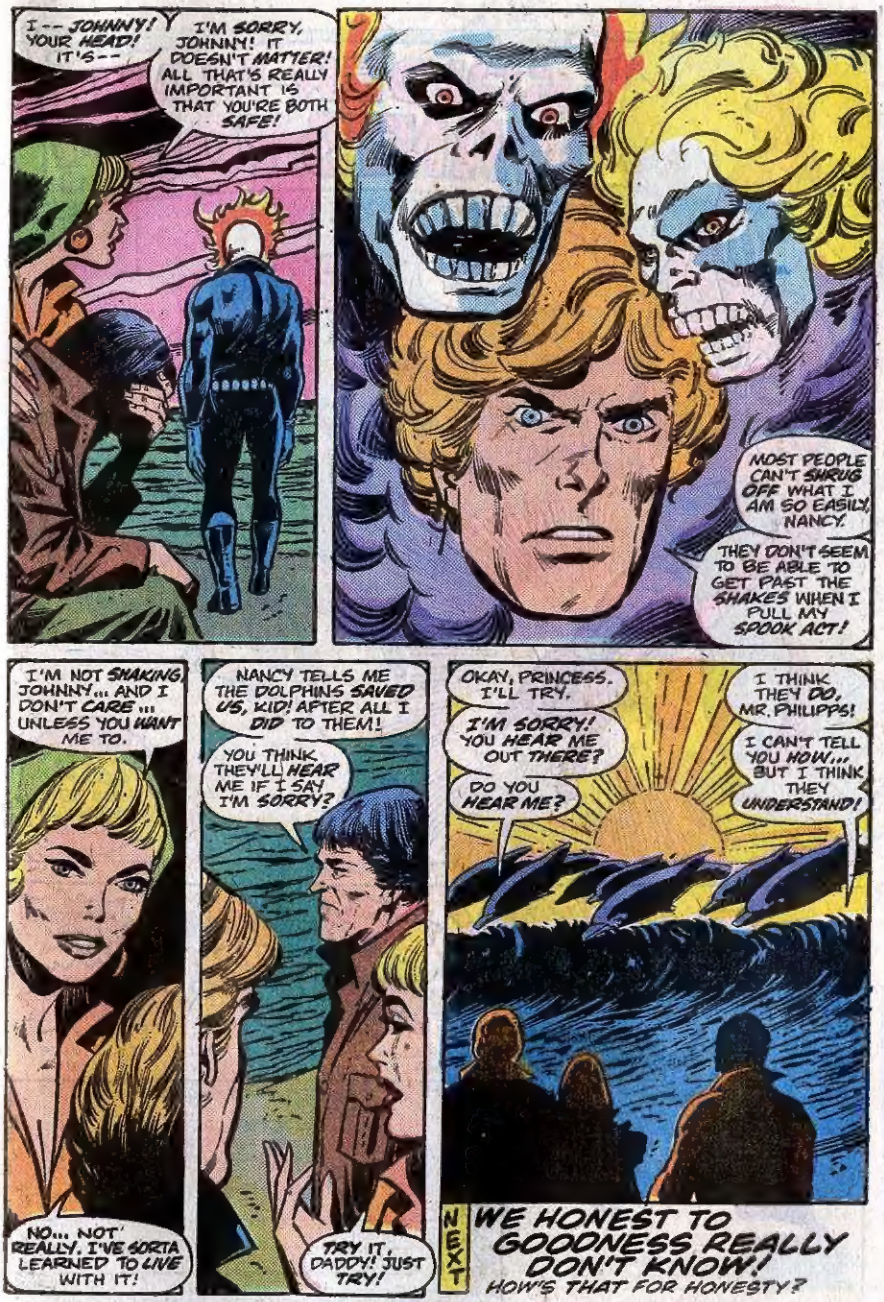
I--JOHNNY! YOUR HEAD! IT'S--
I'M SORRY, JOHNNY! IT DOESN'T MATTER! ALL THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU'RE BOTH SAFE!
MOST PEOPLE CAN'T SHRUG OFF WHAT I AM SO EASILY, NANCY.
THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO GET PAST THE SHAKES WHEN I PULL MY SPOOK ACT!
I'M NOT SHAKING, JOHNNY... AND I DON'T CARE... UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO.
NO... NOT REALLY. I'VE SORTA LEARNED TO LIVE WITH IT!
NANCY TELLS ME THE DOLPHINS SAVED US, KID! AFTER ALL I DID TO THEM!
YOU THINK THEY'LL HEAR ME IF I SAY I'M SORRY?
TRY IT, DADDY! JUST TRY!
OKAY, PRINCESS. I'LL TRY.
I'M SORRY! YOU HEAR ME OUT THERE?
DO YOU HEAR ME?
I THINK THEY DO, MR. PHILIPPS!
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW... BUT I THINK THEY UNDERSTAND!
NEXT
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